

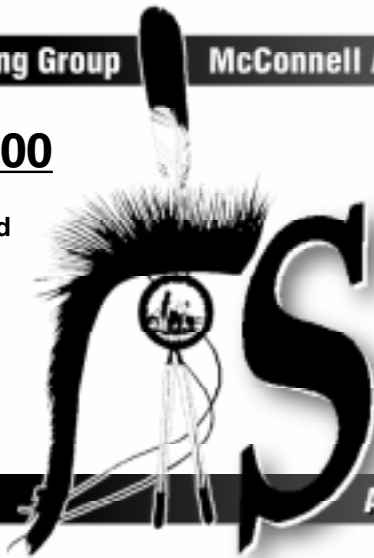
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No obstacle is too big...

Staff Sgt. Vernon Sheaffer, 931st Civil Engineering Squadron, works on part of McConnell's new obstacle course. CE officials said the course should be completed sometime this April. Keep watching the Spirit for more on this and other CE stories.

Group names award winners

By Senior Airman
Jason Whited
Kanza Spirit Editor

The 931st Air Refueling Group selected its most recent batch of award winners at the January commander's call.

Col. Daniel Opp, 931st ARG Commander, handed out awards to either the winners themselves or coworkers who stood in for

winners who were deployed.

The group's newest award winners are:

Master Sgt. Donna Lorenz, Senior NCO of the Year;

Tech. Sgt. Katherine Steiner, NCO of the Year; and

Tech. Sgt. John "Tex" Austin, NCO of the Quarter

If you see these folks around, congratulate 'em for the great job they've done!

Air Force identity in transistion

By Senior Airman **A.J. Bosker**
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON -- As the Air Force continues its transition to the expeditionary aerospace force, it is focusing its identity to help with recruiting and retention in the new millennium. As part of this effort, officials said they are working to establish a single, compelling theme and symbol to represent the Air Force to its members and the public.

"We want to ensure our core identity is part of our culture and is understood by our own people and the citizens we serve," said Gen. Michael Ryan, Air Force



The new Air Force logo

chief of staff. "As we enter the 21st century, our identity -- who we are, what we do and what we believe -- will represent both our heritage and our future.

"We know who we are and what we do," he said. "We want others to know, and we want them to support our Air Force." Secretary of the Air Force Whit Peters said, "We know Air Force

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From the commander...

By Col. Daniel Opp
931st ARG Commander

I want to start this month's article by congratulating Lt. Col. Ron Johnston, 18th Air Refueling Squadron Commander, on his recent selection to the rank of **COLONEL**. Well done! RJ will pin on in the first increment once the senate has approved the list. This means that the commander position for the 18th ARS will become vacant upon his departure. Any interested rated lieutenant colonel that is interested in the position needs to throw their hat in the ring as soon as possible.

Physicals and shots

This UTA marks our quarterly physicals and shots. If you are scheduled for a physical or a shot, be sure to be there on time. They will be offering **Yellow Fever Saturday, Feb. 5 from 8 to 9 a.m. All other mobility immunizations will be offered from 8 a.m. to noon that day.**

As an added incentive, this UTA marks the return of random urinalysis testing. This is a required program that every member of the armed services is subjected to. I want to make this less painless than it has been in the past, so we are decreasing the number of folks we send over to be tested. I estimate that right around 15 people will be tested

each Saturday of the UTA. This will provide a short line and get you back to your unit in minimum time. Commanders will have the option of identifying you as "high priority". Your commanders will let you know if you are one of the chosen few that morning.

We continue to play a part in AEF No. 3 and will do so with one aircrew and a few maintenance people through the end of February. Thanks to everyone who has volunteered to participate.

Manning

If you have seen our manning slides/info lately, you'll see that the 931st has been reduced to 337 authorized positions. This is due to the projected loss of the navigator slots on April 1. The command is re-engaging on this issue for us due to the fact that the round dial airplanes will be around longer than expected. Because we can't put off the inevitable, we are continuing to look for positions within the group to place these highly valuable assets. While our stats look good because of this, we still need everyone to continue to be recruiters for us. We still have valid openings that need to be filled.

The patch

What about the patch? Glad you asked. After each unit



Col. Daniel Opp

turned in their responses as to what patch should be worn on the BDU left pocket, the overwhelming response was to wear our group patch. We'll get these on order and get them out to you as soon as we can.

The card

It appears the official government travel card will become mandatory for everyone. The gotcha in this is that if you use cash or a personal credit card to pay for hotels, rental cars or plane tickets, you will not be reimbursed. The implementation date for this is Feb. 29, so expect to fill out an application this UTA. I want to caution everyone that this "high visibility" program will continue to be emphasized through all levels of AFRC. Use it **ONLY** for official travel.

Have a great UTA and remember: Think **SAFETY!!!**



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Another step toward 'total force'

Luke security forces 'switch' with Reserves

By Senior Airman
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Public Affairs

LUKE AIR FORCE BASE, Ariz. -- In a step toward total-force integration, the 944th Security Forces Squadron here assumed control of base defenses from the 56th Security Forces Squadron Jan. 15 at 6 a.m. until Jan. 16 at 6 a.m.

The switch gave the 56th SFS its first day off ever, while allowing troops from the 944th, a Reserve wing located here, to gain needed law enforcement training in a real-world atmosphere.

"The 944th does not own an environment where we can replicate a base security law enforcement mission," said Lt. Col. David Thoreson, 944th Support Group deputy commander. "Major (Allen) Jamerson (56th SFS commander) showed his confidence in the 944th by turning the base over to us. He gave us a training environment where virtually all our security forces people, for that 24-hour period, were able to become immersed in an active-duty law enforcement environment."

The 944th SFS split the 24-hour tour into three shifts and completed such mission-

essential tasks as manning the main gate, monitoring the flightline, working the law enforcement desk, conducting patrols and acting as flight sergeants.

"This was an excellent opportunity for our guys to get the law enforcement aspect of training," Master Sgt. Richard Schuldt, 944th SFS NCO in charge, said. "You can only train and read so much, then you actually have to go out and do the practical."

Jamerson got the idea to have Air Force Reserve members man the base from watching them work closely with 56th SFS members on a regular basis.

Last year, 17 Reservists did 15-day tours with the 56th SFS.

"I've seen the professionalism they bring to the table; that's why I was confident they would do a

good job," Jamerson said. Both parties agreed the transition was a seamless one. Luke went about its normal day-to-day business without realizing a difference.

"This program and total-force integration is about getting our guys proficient to where they can step into an active-duty post and perform at the same competency level," Thoreson said.

The 56th SFS took the opportunity to have a commander's call, do physical training and have a picnic during the down day.

"The biggest thing I wanted was for them to go out and do their job and nobody know the difference between active duty and Reserves -- and nobody did," Jamerson said. **(Story courtesy of Air Education and Training Command News Service)**

2000 census important for service members, families

By Jim Garamone
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON -- Counting the population of the United States is so important, it is an integral part of the Constitution. This is because population determines the number of seats each state has in the House of Representatives. The census is also often used to apportion funds to states and municipalities.

Military service members and their family members must be counted also. The Census Bureau will work with military officials to ensure all service members and their families are "enumerated" by the bureau.

Here's how military members are to be counted:

- Service members living in the United States are counted at their usual residence, the place where

they live and sleep most of the time, whether on-base or off-base.

- Service members assigned to installations outside the United States -- including families with them -- are counted as part of the U.S. overseas population.

- Crews of ships homeported in the United States are counted at their usual onshore residence -- where they live and sleep most of the time. If they report no onshore residence they are counted at the ships' homeports.

- Crews of ships homeported outside the United States are counted as part of the U.S. overseas population.

So, this is where service members will be counted, but for apportionment of the seats in the House of Representatives, they will be assigned to their voting residence, said Census officials. Each base has a project officer

to work with the Census Bureau. Service members fill out special forms called Military Census Reports. They can claim their home addresses or report the address of their barracks. Sailors and Coast Guardsmen fill out Shipboard Census Reports.

Service members living in family housing in the United States will receive a questionnaire just like civilians in the surrounding communities. Still service members must fill out both the Military or Shipboard Census Reports and the questionnaires.

The first counts for the 2000 Census have already been made. Census Bureau Director Kenneth Prewitt personally enumerated residents of Unalakleet, Alaska, Jan. 20 to kick off the first U.S. population census of the new century.

The scene will shift to the rest

of the United States with about 100 million advance letters going to households between March 6 and 8. Census will mail the questionnaires March 13 to 15. April 1 is Census Day.

The questionnaires will ask how many people are in the household on April 1. "That's how we get the snapshot of America," said a Census Bureau spokesperson.

The Census Bureau needs workers to fill thousands of short-term employment slots during Census 2000. Prewitt urged everyone interested in a census job to call the agency's toll-free number, (888) 325-7733.

Military family members can apply for these jobs. DOD civilians can also work these part-time jobs on their off hours. The addresses of local census offices are available on the Internet.

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men and women take great pride in what they do. Our identity effort crystallizes what they're thinking. It will foster unity in the Air Force and help the American public understand the worthy work we do -- from fighting the nation's wars to peacekeeping to humanitarian relief."

How is the Air Force determining how to express its identity? "By doing a lot of research," Col. Ron Rand, Air Force director of public affairs, explained.

With the help of a private corporate identity firm, Siegel & Gale, the Air Force spent the past year conducting research among the service and the public to capture the common elements of its identity that have great meaning to bind its people together.

The Air Force committed approximately \$150,000 to research internal and external audiences to determine current understanding and beliefs held about the Air Force, and approximately \$655,000 to hire Siegel & Gale to help interpret the research and ensure its identity is effectively communicated to Air Force members and potential recruits.

This research was used to find strengths and weaknesses in Air Force identity, Rand said. "We found that our people generally feel allegiance to the unit they belong to and to their job, more than they feel part of one big organization."

Don't expect to see changes throughout the Air Force immediately, according to Rand. "There are no final decisions on any of this yet -- we're still working through all the options on the development of the theme, the use of the symbol, and the implementation of both.

"There is no intent to repaint the fleet or change all our base signs overnight," Ryan said.

Recruiting misses mark, but initiatives target improvement

By Capt. David Kurle

Air Force Reserve Command Public Affairs

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. - Despite having the best annual accession rate per recruiter, Air Force Reserve Command recruiters fell short of meeting their goal for Fiscal Year 1999.

From Oct. 1, 1998, to Sept. 30, 1999, the command recruited 9,146 people or 81.4 percent of its 11,241 target for the year. However, AFRC led the Department of Defense in recruiter accessions, averaging 37.8 new recruits per production recruiter.

"Generally speaking, all recruiting components are facing significant challenges," said Lt. Col. Dirk Palmer, chief of the AFRC Recruiting Operations Branch. "Our recruiting shortfall is primarily due to a market shift toward non-prior service personnel, a strong economy and the reduced propensity to enlist in the military. Another recruiting challenge is the increasing operations tempo in the active force and reserve components."

Where do recruits come from?

Reserve recruiters draw from three sources of people: prior-service Air Force members, prior service members of other services, and non-prior service personnel.

The drawdown of the active force, especially in the Air Force, has required recruiters to focus more of their efforts on non-prior service recruits and individuals with previous military service in other branches. This is in addition to the on-going emphasis on prior-service Air Force members, said Palmer.

The resulting focus on non-prior service applicants requires more money to be spent per individual recruit, said Palmer. "There are additional costs to bring in new recruits - entry test, physical examination, basic training and technical school - if they qualify and enlist. It's challenging for recruiters because they must spend additional time in non-prior service markets, which are more competitive and historically have higher attrition during the recruiting process," he said.

Recruiting prior-service members is normally less complicated and cheaper because they often have a current physical with valid enlistment test scores. Moreover, they have demonstrated propensity to serve in the military. Actions to target selected prior-service "other" markets through aggressive lead refinement and advertising are continuing.

New initiatives

Despite the challenges, Palmer is optimistic about meeting future recruiting goals because of on-going initiatives. Last year Reserve recruiting garnered funds through the Program Objective Memorandum process to increase its recruiting force by 30 recruiters.

"We've beefed up our in-service recruiting force and it's paid off," said Palmer. "In FY 99 we got 19 percent of active-duty Air Force reserve-eligible separatees, the highest we've ever done." This percentage represents 6,081 reservists recruited from the active force in 1999.

Because resources have not kept pace with the changing marketplace, the Reserve is

requesting additional recruiters, advertising funds, office real estate, Montgomery G.I. Bill Kicker incentives, and recruiter support monies through the FY 2002 POM process. If received, Palmer said, the next step is to robust the line recruiting force in civilian communities throughout the country - especially at AFRC wing locations.

Reserve recruiters have also turned to the computer to help their efforts. New computer software packages are being installed to help track recruiting data and train recruiters. One package is a lead tracking system designed to collect data throughout the recruitment process: from lead to accession. They have also contracted for a sales simulator through the Brooks Group, a sales training consulting firm, to evaluate and enhance individual recruiter sales skills.

"This will allow management to pinpoint potential training needs and focus on steps in the recruiting process that may need improving," said Palmer. "It will help maximize performance through individual and team assessment."

Another system recruiting has instituted for FY 2000 is MapInfo mapping software that displays Defense Manpower Data Center demographic, market and accession data by individual recruiting zone. This assists in locating offices, defining recruiting zones and prioritizing geographic areas. MapInfo also aids in distributing national leads daily to recruiting offices worldwide.

"We can go into any town and any street and see exactly what's going on," said Palmer. "(With this) we know where our best recruiting opportunities exist."



Around the Air Force



Article 32 hearing set for Dover officer

DOVER AIR FORCE BASE, Del. -- An officer assigned here faces an Article 32 hearing on a charge of willfully disobeying a lawful order to be inoculated with the anthrax vaccine.

Bates was charged with violating Article 90 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice for failing to obey a lawful order from a superior commissioned officer.

Bates declined nonjudicial punishment (Article 15, UCMJ), Jan. 7, and requested trial by court-martial.

Col. S. Taco Gilbert III, 436th Airlift Wing Commander, directed the Article 32 hearing be held to review the charge. Col. David Brash, a military judge with the Western Circuit Judiciary, Travis AFB, Calif., is the investigating officer. A formal hearing date has been tentatively set for Jan. 24.

The hearing gives Bates an opportunity to see the evidence against him and present any evidence he deems important for consideration. Major Bates has the right to be present at the hearing and be represented by counsel.

At the end of this investigation, Brash will recommend a course of action to Gilbert. Gilbert will make a decision concerning whether the charge against Bates will be dismissed, sent to a special court-martial, or forwarded to Maj. Gen. John Hopper, 21st Air Force commander, for general court-martial consideration. Hopper is the general court-martial convening authority in this case.

Among the factors Gilbert and

Hopper may consider in their decision is the importance of military members obeying the lawful orders of their superiors, the critical relationship between obedience and good order and discipline, and the fundamental obligation of every military member to obey lawful orders.

Under the UCMJ, Bates is presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

An Article 32 hearing has the elements of and is similar to a civilian preliminary hearing and grand jury process. The hearing will inquire into the truth of the matter set forth in the charge, consider the form of the charge, and make recommendations as to the disposition of the case in the interest of justice and discipline. (AFNS)

Depleted uranium: The rest of the story

WASHINGTON -- There's more to the story on depleted uranium than what people saw on the CBS news program "60 Minutes," says Bernard D. Rostker, head of Defense Department's office on Gulf War Illness.

The U.S. armed forces first used depleted uranium munitions and armor in combat during the Gulf War. A 60 Minutes broadcast, aired several weeks ago, focused on the military's failure to train service members on the substance commonly known as 'DU.'

The military uses depleted uranium in armor-piercing tank rounds and as armor because of its extreme hardness.

Depleted uranium is about 40 percent less radioactive than



John Rossino

Warbird of the future

MARIETTA, Ga. -- F-22 Raptors 4000 & 4004 undergo final assembly at Lockheed Martin Aeronautical Systems here.

Both aircraft will join the F-22 test program next year. Raptor 4000 will support ground test activities here, while Raptor 4004 will join the flight test fleet at Edwards Air Force Base, Calif., to test and validate the Raptor's integrated avionics software suite.

The F-22 Raptor is being put through the most extensive and sophisticated testing of any combat aircraft ever developed.

natural uranium.

During a recent interview, Rostker acknowledged that this training failure resulted in some service members receiving excess exposure.

He pointed out, however, that 60 Minutes did not focus on whether or not those exposures have proven to be harmful.

He also said the segment only briefly mentioned an important fact about Department of Veterans Affairs research into DU. After years of monitoring service members exposed to DU, the VA has determined DU has had no health impact on these service members.

"Yes, we didn't do what we

should have, but (60 Minutes) chose to gloss over the fact that the lack of training did not result in any medically significant consequences for any of the people that were exposed," Rostker said. "We are concerned about our servicemembers' health and there is nothing that we have been able to discover that would indicate that this is related to any unexplained illnesses."

Most servicemembers did not receive DU training during the Gulf War, Rostker said. He said he believes this was because "the danger of being exposed was known to be so trivial — nonexistent."



Spirit Shorts

Upcoming UTAs

March -- 4, 5
April -- 8, 9
May -- 6, 7
June -- 10, 11
July -- 15, 16
August -- 5, 6
September -- 9, 10

Promotions

Congratulations go out to Lt. Col. Ron Johnston, 18th Air Refueling Squadron Commander for being selected for colonel. Way to go!

Movin' on up

The following 931st Air Refueling Group members recently completed Professional Military Education or formal technical schools. Congratulations go to:

Master Sgt. Larry Shippy, 931st Aircraft Generation Squadron; **Airman Basic Alice Medina**, 931st Mission Support Flight; **Tech. Sgt. Angela Chatmon**, 931st MSF; and **Tech. Sgt. Randy Unger**, 931st Civil Engineer Squadron

Transitions

Congrats go to the unit's most recent retrainee: **Tech. Sgt. Gilbert Brown** is leaving his job as a 931st Aircraft Generation Squadron guidance and control technician and moving to the Social Actions Office.

Newcomers

Welcome to the newest members of the 931st ARG:

Staff Sgt. Martin Mendoza, 931st Aircraft Generation Squadron; **Staff Sgt. Wesley Miller**, 931st Mission Support Flight; **Tech. Sgt. Don Ellis**, 931st MSF; **Staff Sgt. John Wattenburger**, 931st MSF; **Senior Airman Brandon**

Mildren, 931st MSF; and **Airman 1st Class Joel Tilley**, 931st AGS.

Need to outprocess?

If you or someone you know needs to outprocess for a TDY, reassignment or retirement, remember the Military Pay Office is open only on UTA Saturdays from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Thinking ahead can ensure you don't have to come back to base during the week to finish all that boring outprocessing stuff! You can get it done during the UTA!

For more info, contact Tech. Sgt. Anick Wallace at Ext. 3665.

Fill out that Form No. 93!!!

DD Form No. 93 provides info on your primary next of kin, secondary next of kin and anyone else who should be notified in case of your death, injury or in an emergency.

This form also serves as the official document for designating beneficiaries for death gratuity pay and unpaid pay and allowances.

Cheery stuff, huh?

Members should take this reminder very seriously and fill their forms out as soon as possible to ensure their families receive all they're entitled to.

Senior NCO Leadership Development Course

The next SNCOLDC is scheduled to be held March 18 and 19 at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.

Interested master and senior master sergeants should contact Group Training at Ext. 5423.

The deadline to apply is Feb. 23.

MPF closure

The Military Personnel Flight is closed each UTA Sunday from 7:30 to 10 a.m. for training.

NCO Academy info

NCOA dates for fiscal 2000 are here!

Staff sergeants with eight years' time in service and tech. sergeants may apply.

Contact your unit training manager or group Training (Ext. 5423) for details.

ALS is calling you

The 931st ARG has received its Airman Leadership School quotas for fiscal 2000.

Senior airmen with four years' time in service are eligible to attend.

Class dates are scheduled for May 30 to June 30 and July 25 to Aug. 25.

Call Group Training at Ext. 5423 for more information.

MPF hours

The 931st Military Personnel Flight is open Mondays through Fridays from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.; UTA Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and UTA Sundays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Get your shots!

Shots will be available this UTA Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon. However, those needing yellow fever shots can only get theirs from 8 to 9 a.m.

Legal assistance

The 931st Judge Advocate staff is ready to assist unit members in any possible way and offer a variety of services:

Wills -- Members needing their wills completed can do so each UTA weekend from noon to 3 p.m.

Powers of Attorney -- Powers of Attorney can be completed anytime during the UTA.

General legal assistance -- General legal assistance is available anytime during the UTA weekend.

TDY needs -- Unit members going TDY who need wills completed or other legal assistance can get help from the active duty office on Mondays from 1 to 3 p.m. and Wednesdays from 8 to 10 a.m. Just contact Master Sgt. Jackson at Ext. 3590.

For more information on how the 931st JA can help you, call Ext. 3804.

Government travel cards

Use of government-issued travel cards for TDY expenses will be mandatory after Feb. 29.

For more information, contact the 931st Financial Management Flight at Ext. 4633.

Airman/NCO of the Quarter

All Airman/NCO of the Quarter packages are due on the March UTA (4, 5). The timeframe covered in these packages should be January through March.

Senior NCO packages are also due during the March UTA. The timeframe covered in these packages should be October through March.

If the people you're nominating will not be here to meet the board, you might want to wait to submit their names until the next quarter.

For more information, contact Master Sgt. Valerie Adkins.

Jobs available

The 931st ARG is looking for folks to fill the following AFSCs.



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If you're interested, contact Master Sgt. Corinna Seitz at Ext. 3587.

3E4X2 -- Liquid Fuels
 3E4X1 -- Utility
 3E0X2 -- Electrical Power
 3E3X1 -- Structures
 3S2X1 -- Unit Training Manager
 1S0X1 -- Safety
 3S1X1 -- Social Actions NCO
 52R3 -- Chaplain
 5R0X1 -- Chaplain Assistant
 48G3 -- Flight Surgeon (2)
 11T3B -- Pilot (2)
 4F0X1 -- Aeromed Tech (2)
 8C000 -- Family Readiness
 1N0X1 -- Intel
 2A6X5 -- Aircraft Pneudralics

Guard that classified info!

Everyone who's been granted access to classified information is responsible for protecting it.

Classified information must be protected at all times either by storing it in an approved device or having it under the observation and control of an authorized person.

Kanza Spirit is changing

You may have noticed some changes in the paper since the October issue -- more changes are on the way!

A full redesign is still underway and will appear soon.

As part of our new look and new approach to covering news in the 931st ARG, we're on the lookout for both story ideas and suggestions on what you'd like to see in the paper.

No idea is too crazy -- all suggestions will be considered.

To suggest a story or to let us know what you'd like to see in the paper, contact Jason Whited,

Kanza Spirit Editor, at Ext. 3616 or via e-mail at Jason.Whited@mcconnell.af.mil.

Attention, AGS

AGS troops now have a new home Jan. 14 -- Building No. 1169.

Space has been reserved for the 931st AGS on the second floor of that building above the south support.

Contact Tech. Sgt. Bob Lorenz at Ext. 3030 for more information.

Attention, CCAF students

Those Community College of the Air Force students who want to graduate with the May 2000 class must have all required documentation to CCAF by Feb. 25.

Stop by the Group Training Office for details.

March Madness

The group's annual March Madness 3-on-3 basketball tournament is set to tip off Saturday, March 4, at 3:30 p.m.

A new men's and women's champion will be crowned after teams work their way through the competition.

Teams will be selected at random prior to the UTA; all you need to do is sign up during the upcoming February UTA. After teams are formed, players will receive team assignments and a complete set of rules/details in the mail.

The double elimination format is played on half court with games ending after 12 minutes or when a team reaches 10 points (one point per basket).

The first and second place teams will receive trophies.

For more info, contact Maj. Terri Kett at Ext. 3728.

A word from the IG

How can you contact the Inspector General?

Have you ever wanted to contact the IG but were not sure about the best way to make it happen?

The best way to make the initial contact is to call the IG office at Ext. 3684 or 5853. The IG telephone numbers, as well as the e-mail address, are also in the group directory.

You can also call the 931st Air Refueling Group headquarters section at 5443 and ask for an IG.

Once contact is made, we will schedule a meeting during which we will discuss your problem face-to-face and decide the proper course of

action.

If for any reason you do not want to come to the IG office, several other options are available. You can send an e-mail and ask for the IG to contact you. You may also complete an AF Form No. 102 and forward it to the IG office. You may also describe the issue in a letter to the IG. You may also remain anonymous, however it makes it difficult for the IG to obtain additional information from you that may be important to an investigation.

Any way you can initiate the contact will get the process started.

Once contact is made, we'll work together to help you resolve the issue.

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Wichita Weekend

Andrew Lloyd Webber

Music of Andrew Lloyd Webber, Friday, Century II, 225 W. Douglas. The National Theatre League of Wichita brings this exciting Broadway production to Wichita. 262-7392 or 263-4717.

Home Show

Home Show 2000, Saturday and Sunday, Century II Expo Hall, 225 W. Douglas, 265-4226

Fiddler on the Roof

Saturday and Sunday, Crown Uptown Professional Theatre, 3107 E. Douglas, 681-1566. Each performance \$19.95-\$26.95.

Delbert McClinton in Concert

Friday, The Cotillion Ballroom, 11120 W. Kellogg, 9pm. Doors open 7:30. Tickets \$17.50 at Select-A-Seat 755-SEAT(7328), the Cotillion and plant employee clubs. Info 722-4201

Vocal Jazz Concert

Friday, Friends University, Alexander Auditorium, 2100 W. University, 295-5677.

Romeo and Juliet

Friday and Saturday, Wichita Children's Theatre & Dance Center, 201 Lulu, 262-2282, 7:30 p.m. A centerstage production performed by high school & college students. Admission \$4.

Noises Off

Noises Off, Friday and Saturday, Wichita Center for the Arts, 9112 E. Central, 634-2787, Ext.. 15. Theatre performance.

Jazz Concert

Friends University Jazz, featuring Clark Terry. Orpheum Performing Arts Centre, 200 N. Broadway. 263-0884

Chinese New Year celebration

Saturday, Sedgwick County Zoo, 5555 Zoo Blvd., 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Experience traditional arts, costumes, food and music. Zoo admission: \$7 adult, \$6 senior, \$4 child (5-11). 942-2212, ext 386

Arts and crafts show

Saturday and Sunday Cessna Activity Center, 2744 Geo. Washington Blvd., 684-3971. Sat

10-5, Sun 12-5. Adults \$2; under 12 free. For more information, contact John Phillips, 691-2134

Susan Werner in concert

Sunday, Old Settlers Inn, 118 S. Christian (above D'Angelo's Pizza), Moundridge, 316-345-2733. Mail: 10431 N. Old Settlers Rd, Moundridge, KS 67107.

Susan infuses songs with elements of jazz, folk and melodic pop to flesh out her lyrics.

WCW Wrestling

Sunday, Kansas Coliseum, 1229 E. 85th. St. N., 755-1243. Tickets: Select-A-Seat 755-SEAT(7328)

Audubon field trip

Sunday, Wichita Audubon Society, 683-5499. 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m..

See Bald Eagles along the Arkansas River and enjoy CNC in the winter. Chaplin Nature Center, 2 miles south of Geuda Springs, then 2.6 miles east to the entrance. For more information, contact the trip leader, Shawn Silliman, (316) 442-4133.

Flick picks

Note: A listing of on-base movies was unavailable at press time, so here are a couple of movies scheduled to open in Wichita during the February UTA:

Gun Shy

(R) for violence, language and some nudity

Starring Sandra Bullock, Liam Neeson and Oliver Platt

Synopsis: A DEA agent is looking forward to his retirement, but must get through one last case.

Scream 3

(R) for strong violence and language

Starring: David Arquette, Neve Campbell, Courteney Cox and Parker Posey

Synopsis: After graduation, Neve heads to Hollywood to pursue an acting career. Things take on the eerie feel of déjà vu as the actors in the production she's in are murdered one-by-one.

Area theaters

Northrock 14: 636-5432

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Premiere Palace: 691-9700

Warren Theater: 721-9545

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